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SAVERIO CARL FALCO ET AL.

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FOR: PLANT AMINO ACID BIOSYNTHETIC
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004. Please enter the following:

Amendments to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks and Response to Restriction Requirement begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Correction of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), along with the requisite fee, is filed simultaneously herewith.